



## Legislative Update

### 1-23-14

#### Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

**SB 699**      **Pearce**      **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into an interstate distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of Missouri. For Midwestern states such as Missouri, the state authorization reciprocity agreement process is administered by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. The bill also grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules necessary for Missouri to participate in the reciprocity agreement.

**Bill History:** First Read: 1-13-14

**HB 1389**      **Thomson**      **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into an interstate distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of Missouri. For Midwestern states such as Missouri, the state authorization reciprocity agreement process is administered by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. The bill also grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules necessary for Missouri to participate in the reciprocity agreement.

**Bill History:** Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14

**SB 492**      **Pearce**      **State Funding for Higher Education Institutions:** requires all funding above the previous year core for the public four-year institutions and Linn State Technical College to be distributed through a resource allocation model approved by the CBHE. The resource allocation model must distribute at least 90 percent of the new funds based on institutional performance.

**Bill History:** Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to S Education: 1-9-15; Hearing: 1-15-14; SCS voted Do Pass Senate Education Committee: 1-22-14

**SB 494**      **Pearce**      **State Student Aid Study:** Requires the Joint Committee on Education to conduct a study of the Higher Education Academic

Scholarship Program (Bright Flight), the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program, and the A+ Schools Program by November 1, 2014. The study must include, but is not limited to, eligibility requirements for each program, acceptance of aid by eligible students, and retention and graduation rates of recipients. Also adds public institutions of higher education to the entities which the JCE may make reasonable requests for staff assistance.

**Bill History:** Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to S Education: 1-9-14

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SB 605 Dixon

**Higher Education Clean Up Bill:** Updates references to higher education statutes that have been repealed. Several statutes contain references to sections 173.205 and 173.215, which were repealed in 2007. This act removes these references and replaces them with references to either section 173.1102 or section 173.1104, as appropriate.

**Bill History:** Prefiled: 12-4-13; First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-16-14

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SB 679 Curls

**Parental Support for Higher Education:** Modifies laws regarding educational parental support for higher education.

**Bill History:** First Read: 1-8-14

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SB 722 Justus

**MO Tuition Equity Act:** Requires colleges and universities to consider an individual a Missouri resident for tuition, fees, and admission purposes based on graduation from a Missouri high school if they attended a Missouri high school for at least two years. The individual must have entered the US prior to enactment and, if not a citizen or permanent resident, must provide an affidavit confirming the intent to become a permanent resident.

**Bill History:** First Read: 1-14-14

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SB 729 Romine

**Tax Credits for Innovation Campuses:** Provides a tax credit for donations to Innovation Education Campuses as defined in the bill. The tax credit would be for one-half of the donation but could not

exceed the current year tax liability of the donating entity.

**Bill History:** First Read: 1-15-14

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HB 1232

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**Show-Me Future Program Pilot:** Directs the MDHE to determine the feasibility of a pilot program to study the impact of replacing traditional higher education tuition with a system that would enable graduates to repay higher education costs with a percentage of their income for a specified period of time.

**Bill History:** Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-16-14

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HB 1247

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**A+ Dual Credit:** Requires DHE to develop a procedure to reimburse students in the A+ program for dual credit course tuition and any fees paid while the student was in high school.

**Bill History:** Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary: 1-16-14

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HB 1279

English

**A+ Expansion:** Expands the A+ scholarship program to include any high school graduate, public or private, regardless of whether the school was designated as an A+ school.

**Bill History:** Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary: 1-16-14

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HB 1308

Thompson

**Bright Flight Expansion:** Revises student eligibility requirements for the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight) and adds a forgivable loan component to the program.

**Bill History:** Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-16-14

HB 1377 Walker **Public Safety Officer Survivor Program Expansion:** Add emergency medical technicians to the list of public safety officers eligible for survivor's and disabled employee's education grants.

**Bill History:** Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14

HB 1383 Peters **In-state Tuition for Military:** Grants in-state tuition eligibility for active duty military personnel and national guard.

**Bill History:** Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14

HB 1390 Thomson **State Funding for Higher Education Institutions:** Requires all funding above the previous year core for all public institutions (community colleges, four-year institutions and Linn State Technical College) to be distributed through a resource allocation model approved by the CBHE. That model must allocate at least 90 percent of the new funds based on institutional performance.

**Bill History:** Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-22-14

SB 628 Schaaf **Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions:** Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, with some exceptions, without General Assembly authorization.

**Bill History:** Prefiled: 12-13-13; First Read: 1-8-14

HB 1206 Wilson **Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions:** Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, with some exceptions, without General Assembly authorization.

**Bill History:** Prefiled: 1-3-14; Referred to Higher Education: 1-9-14

HB 1442 Dunn **Alpha Phi Alpha Day:** Designates December 4 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in Missouri in honor of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

**Bill History:** Second Read: 1-16-14

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HB 1487

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**Reimbursement for Remedial College Courses:** Directs DESE to establish a process to allow certain students at colleges and universities to receive tuition reimbursement for remedial college courses. Reimbursement would be deduced from the classroom trust fund.

**Bill History:** Second Read: 1-21-14

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